HOUSE BILL 256 By Caldwell

AN ACT to name a certain bridge in the Town of Oliver Springs in honor of the late Charles Deadrick "Pete" Johnson.

WHEREAS, from time to time this General Assembly has seen fit to name certain highways and bridges to honor those exemplary citizens who, during their lifetimes, contributed significantly to the growth and prosperity of their respective communities; and

WHEREAS, the late Charles Deadrick "Pete" Johnson was most assuredly one such estimable public servant deserving of special recognition; and

WHEREAS, a native of the Oliver Springs area, Mr. Johnson served with distinction on the Oliver Springs Town Council from 1973-1975; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Johnson was a man of impeccable morals and irreproachable integrity, working assiduously to realize a brighter future for the good people of Oliver Springs as the town's mayor from 1975-1977; and

WHEREAS, he also served Oliver Springs faithfully and energetically in numerous other capacities and played an instrumental role in many capital improvements for the town, in particular, the construction of a new four-lane bypass designated as Tri-County Boulevard (State Routes 61 and 62); and

WHEREAS, in appreciation of his meritorious service to make Tri-County Boulevard a reality, the Town Council of Oliver Springs has unanimously memorialized this body to name a certain bridge on such bypass to permanently commemorate Mr. Johnson's bountiful life of purpose and commitment; and

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WHEREAS, this General Assembly most heartily concurs with this excellent proposal; now, therefore,

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the easternmost overpass bridge on Tri-County Boulevard (State Routes 61 and 62) at Main Street in the Town of Oliver Springs is hereby designated as the "Charles Deadrick 'Pete' Johnson Memorial Bridge" in recognition of an outstanding public servant who exemplified the true spirit of the Volunteer State.

SECTION 2. The Department of Transportation is directed to erect suitable signs or to affix suitable markers designating such bridge as the "Charles Deadrick 'Pete' Johnson Memorial Bridge".

SECTION 3. The erection of such signs shall be within the guidelines prescribed by the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

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